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DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 29 June 1954REFERENCES 2PAGES ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED

1. At the beginning of May 1954, the construction staff of the VPL in Cottbus asked for the permission to enter once again Welzow airfield. This application, though supported by Lieutenant Colonel Merkulov (fnu) who was formerly assigned to the Soviet construction staff in Werder, was refused as very important radar sets were allegedly located at the field. 25X1
2. During the noon hours of 28 May, 7 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were parked south of the runway. About 1330, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off in rapid succession and departed. The aircraft had auxiliary fuel tanks Two MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s landed at the field about 1420. On 8 June, no aircraft were observed at the field. Visibility was good. Between 1200 and 1600, there was no air activity. 25X1
3. Six AA guns, estimated at 76 mm, were observed in the AA gun emplacement north of Lindenhof. Two model AA 1 MK 2 radar sets, which had been observed in the emplacement on 28 May, were no longer located there on 8 June. On 28 May, instruction was given pertaining to the 12 x 37-mm AA guns in the northern corner of the field. There, 8 house tents were under construction.
4. The Token-type radar set was still located in the northern section of the field. Nearby was a Fishnet-type set and a radio installation with a 8-meter-high mast which was fitted at the side of a radio truck. No change was observed on the radio installation with one mast between the railroad lines in the northeastern extension of the runway or on the radio installation with four masts near Deisendorf. The radio installation with one mast which had formerly been located near the radio installation with four masts was no longer observed after 28 May.

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5. Vehicular traffic at the field involved trucks

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Comment. As the observation of Welzow has become very difficult it could not be determined whether or not aircraft were stationed at the field at the beginning of June. The observations of air activity at the field are also incomplete

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The presence of 37-mm AA guns at Welzow airfield is reported for the first time; previously, only medium AA guns were stationed at the field.

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